

## LONG ISLAND ROAD URGES NEW SUBWAY

Jamaica-Thirty-third St.  
Line Sought to Ease  
Commuting Traffic.

## CONGESTION AT WORST

Samuel Rea's Proposals Go  
to Hylan and Transit  
Commission.

## M'ANENY PROMISES HELP

Letter of Appeal Says Hudson  
Bridge Is Real Key to New  
York's Problem.

Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, sent letters yesterday to Mayor Hylan and the Transit Commission pointing out the urgent need of a new subway from Jamaica to the Pennsylvania Station at Thirty-third street, to relieve the congestion on the Long Island Railroad.

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, and Maurice E. Connolly, President of Queens, took the letters to the Mayor and the commission. Although the Mayor did not receive Mr. Peters he promised to take up the matter within a week.

George McAneny, chairman of the Transit Commission, in reply to Mr. Rea's communication said the commission would be glad to consult with him at the earliest convenient date. Mr. McAneny added that the commission would like to consider the better handling of suburban traffic on all the railroads entering this city.

### East River Tunnel Needed.

Mr. Rea's letter in part follows: "I note the recommendation of the Transit Commission to the Board of Estimate for a very important and no doubt necessary north and south rapid transit line in Manhattan to take care of the future traffic which, however, to see no reference whatever to further relief of the rapidly growing traffic in Queens, and a large portion of which is now imposed on the Long Island Railroad, and therefore, has been handled in our Pennsylvania Station in New York.

"We have endeavored to keep before the city and the Transit Commission the necessity of some relief for this section of New York city on Long Island which uses the Long Island Railroad and the Pennsylvania Station. While additional subway and 'L' lines have been built on this section of Long Island and have been of benefit, yet they are merely transit lines and not rapid transit such as Manhattan and Brooklyn enjoy.

"The limit being reached to the amount of traffic that can be accommodated by the Long Island Railroad and the Pennsylvania Station and unless the city takes care of this nearby traffic that company will be compelled at an early date to rearrange its entire service by establishing transfer stations either in Long Island City or Jamaica or both, and run a shuttle service between them and the Pennsylvania Station, or definitely announce that no more trains can be accommodated in the tunnels of the station.

"I further believe that you will never solve the congested rapid transit problem of Greater New York until you conquer the Hudson by one or more bridges (as has been done with the East River), with adequate accommodations for rapid transit and all kinds of traffic, and that situation should not be overlooked, although it requires cooperative action by the States and adjacent municipalities of New Jersey."

### Queens Problem Long in Mind.

Mr. McAneny's reply in part said: "The Transit Commission, in preparing its plans for the subway extension required for the relief of the congestion in Queens, as well as the need for relief of suburban traffic entering the city from other directions."

"In recommending, however, an early approval of the projected north and south lines upon Eighth and Amsterdam avenues in the borough of Manhattan the commission has taken into account the need for increased trunk line facilities throughout the central territory of the rapid transit system as an essential preliminary to the building of further lines serving outlying territory."

"The proposed Eighth avenue line in Manhattan is designed to connect with the present Queens borough lines of the Interborough system at Forty-first street, as well as with the Fourteenth street-Eastern line of the B. R. T. system at Fourteenth street. These connections will permit of very substantial train increases upon the rapid transit lines now serving northern Queens points, and will also give greater flexibility to the Brooklyn elevated service reaching Jamaica. One of the next steps doubtless to be taken will be the building of a through trunk subway from Jamaica to some new point in Manhattan and Queens."

"In a program proposed by the Mayor some two or three months ago it was suggested that two new subway lines be built from Jamaica toward Manhattan. The Mayor's plan contemplated, however, that these lines should end at points on the Long Island side of the East River. It did not, apparently, contemplate a new entrance to Manhattan, which, in the judgment of the commission, is essential.

"The lines thus proposed, moreover, were part of a program of which no start was to be made for fifteen years. In the opinion of the commission the situation requires an earlier and more adequate solution."

### JURY AWARDS \$7,435 TO FORMER LAUNDRESS

Plaintiff Said She Worked in Expectation of Bequest.

A jury before Justice Delahanty in the Supreme Court yesterday awarded \$7,435 to Margaret Fleming of 211 Morris avenue, The Bronx, against the estate of Mrs. Charlotte Hix of 114 West Fifty-eighth street.

The estate was sued for \$10,000, the plaintiff alleging that she worked for twenty-one years as laundress, understanding that she was to receive something when Mrs. Hix died. She said she received \$100 a month during her period of service, but contended that her work was worth \$5.

"The case that Mrs. Hix made at Christmas—the story of an ancient French custom humorously told next Sunday in The New York Herald. Ask your newsdealer to reserve a copy now—Add.

## PRICE OF CHRISTMAS TREES STILL DECLINES STEADILY

Supply Most Profuse on Record and Public Seems  
Apathetic—Cost of Holly Also Drops and Even  
Mistletoe Fails to Arouse Enthusiasm.

Father Knickerbocker finds himself to-day with more Christmas trees on his hands than he knows what to do with. Never before was the holiday supply of greens so profuse and the demand so light, according to an authority. The wholesale quotation of holiday decorations has slumped to about one-third of last year's price. Retail dealers are trying to keep prices up, but if the public continues to refrain from buying greens until before Christmas eve, the price will be offered for almost nothing just before Christmas eve.

Christmas trees in bundles of from two to six trees were wholesaling yesterday at from 50 to 75 cents. Some bundles went as low as 25 cents. The highest brought \$1.25. A year ago the same grade of tree went for \$3 and same grade of low went for \$3 and \$3.50 a bundle. This is for the top

grade now selling at \$1.25, according to the New York State Farms and Markets bulletin.

Large boxes of wreaths yesterday sold at from \$1 to \$2. Last year the best grade brought \$4 and \$4.50 a box. The largest holly wreaths are wholesaling at \$2 and \$2.50 a dozen. Smaller and more ordinary ones bring from 75 cents to \$1.50 a dozen. The retail price ranges from 20 cents to \$1 each. Christmas trees are 50 and 75 cents each for the table size and from \$1.50 to any price you want to pay for the larger ones.

Mistletoe is bringing \$2 and \$3 a barrel. A quantity has been received from England, but is not going very fast. The holly is selling wholesale at 3 and 5 cents and pine roping at 4 and 6 cents a yard.

## YULE CELEBRATION WILL START EARLY

Maritime Exchange Will Serve  
Dinner and Give Toys to  
Seamen's Dependents.

Christmas celebrations for poor children and grown ups of New York will begin to-day and several events have been scheduled before Christmas Eve.

At the Maritime Exchange, 80 Broad street, a celebration will be held this afternoon for the widows and orphans of deceased seamen. Refreshments will be served and gifts will be distributed among the children by Santa Claus. A jazz band composed of call boys employed by J. P. Morgan & Co. will play.

A special Christmas dinner will be served by the Lions Downtown Club on the eighteenth floor of the Tribune building to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock for 100 widows and 400 children. Members of the club and their wives and friends will serve as waiters and hosts.

The Knights of Columbus are preparing for the distribution of 2,500 Christmas baskets in New York and all subordinate councils will provide Christmas cheer for poor families and the inmates of orphan homes and other public institutions.

The 500 children from foreign countries who are being detained on Ellis Island will be provided with Christmas toys and candy by the Girl Reserves, which is the junior division of the Red Cross. Each of the girls there will receive a week end box containing cold cream, tooth paste, powder and other aids to feminine beauty and a box of chocolates. The girls will be accompanied by a small silk American flag.

The Episcopal Mission Society will take care of the 300 girl inmates of the Reformatory for Women at Bedford. Each of the girls there will receive a week end box containing cold cream, tooth paste, powder and other aids to feminine beauty and a box of chocolates. The girls will be accompanied by a small silk American flag.

The Christmas tree in Madison Square, which has contributed to the celebration of Christmas in New York for eleven years, will be lighted for the first time this year at 5:30 o'clock Christmas eve. Vocal and instrumental music will be provided by several artists in person and a radio program will follow.

At 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve a "tree of light" will appear in front of the War Memorial to merchant seamen, which is being erected in Jeanette Park on South street. The regimental band of the Sixteenth Infantry from Governors Island will play for the occasion and lead the community in singing Christmas carols.

Members of the Masonic fraternity in New York State have been urged to make a Christmas contribution to the American Legion at Tupper Lake, N. Y. A letter received by Charles Pope Caldwell, president of the camp, from Justice Arthur T. Tompkins, grand master of the Masons in this State, the latter indorses the purpose of this cause, which has been established for the cure of tuberculosis and other convalescent veterans who cannot prove that their ailments resulted from their service and who therefore cannot get Government aid.

The grand master stated that the Masons at this Christmas season can be counted on for help and contributions in addition to those already given.

### JOB PRINTERS' SCALE HERE NOT TO CHANGE

Judge Talley, Arbitrator, Sees  
No Cause for Revision.

Judge Alfred J. Talley, acting as arbitrator in a dispute between book and job printers and their employers in New York, handed down a decision yesterday refusing to change the wage scale. He declared that there has been no change in living conditions generally or in economic conditions to warrant a change either upward or downward in the wages, and that there is no prospect of such a change within the next ten months.

The decision affects about 6,000 workmen in New York, and probably will affect New Jersey, where printers usually accept the New York scale as a standard. The scale became effective on December, 1921, and ranges from \$50 for a forty-four hour week of day work, to \$55 for a thirty-five hour week of night work.

### PATRIARCH BLESSES PEOPLE OF AMERICA

Meletios Asks Further Aid for  
Greek Refugees.

A Christmas blessing and message of thanks to the Government and people of the United States from the Patriarch Meletios of Constantinople was made public last night by Archbishop Alexander of the Greek Church in North and South America.

The Patriarch cable said: "The philanthropic attitude of prominent individuals and associations saved thousands of human beings from certain death. Only by continuing these efforts can a millions souls who have taken refuge in Greece be saved. I express publicly the everlasting indebtedness of Eastern Christianity to the Government and people of the United States."

### H.P.L.R.F.A. & C., FOR Hylan.

Committee of Anti-Klan Order to  
Call on Mayor To-day

Mayor Hylan will have an opportunity to-day to accept the Honorary Presidency of the League of Equal Rights For All and Special Privileges For None, Inc., an organization pledged to combat the Ku Klux Klan and all its wicked orders.

A committee to make the offer and ask his aid in combating the Klan will call on the Mayor this noon.

## GRAND JURY URGES REPEAL OF DRY LAW

Mullan-Gage Act Should Be  
Replaced by Enforceable  
One, Is Declaration.

## MEANS BEER AND WINE

Enormous Cost of Prosecu-  
tions and Failures to  
Convict Are Cited.

## COURTS NOW CLOGGED

Forthcoming Legislature Is  
Asked to Pass Measure That  
Will Work Out.

The Additional December Grand Jury of New York county presented to Judge Francis X. Mancuso in General Sessions yesterday a resolution urging the repeal of the Mullan-Gage State prohibition law. It pointed out there are 1,500 prohibition cases and 150 indictments pending, asserting that it costs \$800 a day to prosecute these cases.

In conclusion the resolution requests the court to present to the Legislature a recommendation urging the repeal of the Mullan-Gage act and to enact "an enforceable law in sympathy with the Eighteenth Amendment."

In constructing this last phrase it can be stated that the jurors had in mind the enactment of a law providing for light wines and beers as a substitute for the prohibition law.

Willy B. Dowd, Jr., is foreman of the jury. The resolution was drafted by a committee composed of William C. Cox, chairman; Milton L. Ernst and John J. Egan.

The presentment sets forth that many cases have been dismissed by the Grand Jury owing to lack of evidence, and calls the court's attention to the fact that some 1,500 additional cases are still pending in the office of the District Attorney. The results obtained by the present State law, the presentment says, are utterly inconspicuous with the money expended, the expense of the Grand Jury and court officers and others in conducting these cases amounting to approximately \$800 a day. The time of the jury, the presentment states, should be devoted to considering matters more practical and serious in character.

The presentment continues: "Resolved, that the Additional Grand Jury of the County of New York for the December, 1922, term most earnestly urge the court to present to the forthcoming Legislature a recommendation that legislation be adopted looking to the repeal of the present prohibition enforcement law, known as the Mullan-Gage act, and to enact an enforcement law in sympathy with the Eighteenth Amendment."

### TO-DAY THE SHORTEST; NO SNOW ON CHRISTMAS

Scarr Gives a Fact and a  
Forecast.

The year will shift from autumn to winter this morning at 9:57 o'clock and the period between sunrise and sunset will be the shortest of 1922, a little less than a full minute shorter than yesterday or to-morrow, the next shortest days.

James H. Scarr, forecaster, verified the almanac by making the announcement yesterday, also remarking that the probability of a white Christmas seemed to be small, as there was no snow on the weather map that seemed to be heading this way. A long distance forecast, not guaranteed, indicates that heavy snow and driving breezes days will not be wintry, but rather mild and autumnal.

### WIFE DOUBLES TROUBLE FOR BOUGLAR SUSPECT

Warrant for Abandonment  
Greets Him in Court.

Joseph Hutton, at whose home twelve suitcases and seventy-seven pawn tickets were found, was arraigned yesterday in West Farms Court before Magistrate Cobb and held without bail. Hutton is 34 years old and lives at 233 West Forty-fifth street. He was arrested Tuesday night in an apartment house at 119 West Kingsbridge road after detectives had trailed him for three hours.

When arraigned Hutton was recognized by Warrant Officer Schenck, who was carrying a warrant issued on October 31 charging Hutton with abandonment. The warrant was sworn out by Hutton's wife, Anna, of 1321 Inwood avenue.

### FERRY HOUSE BASIS OF SUIT.

Receivers of the Atlantic Dock Company in Brooklyn brought suit before Supreme Court Justice Cronan yesterday to recover from the Union Ferry Company of New York and Brooklyn \$30,000 damages for alleged encroachment of the Hamilton avenue ferry house and other appurtenances on the Atlantic company's property. The encroachment is denied.

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### Christmas Turkey Costs Continue on Down Grade

P. Q. FOY, food expert, said last night that prices of Christmas turkeys were continuing to drop. He reported the wholesale houses were congested with turkeys. Prices fell to 43 to 50 cents on No. 1 Westerns, while good Texas birds were sold at from 41 to 44 cents. Mr. Foy added:

"The retail price of No. 1 Western turkeys should not exceed 55 cents a pound, and good turkeys can be retailed at from 46 to 48 cents. Some dealers who purchased their stocks early at a cost of from 52 to 54 cents will be compelled to charge the consumers 55 to 60 cents."

"Another good thing for the Christmas holiday is an abundance in the wholesale market of fatted geese, wholesale at from 28 to 30 cents, and can be retailed at a profit at 35 to 38 cents, and should not cost more than 40 cents."

"Receipts of live poultry for the holiday season trade this week total more than 7,000,000 pounds. Household purchases should not pay more than 28 to 30 cents a pound for fancy four to five pound roasting chickens, and 35 cents should be an extreme price on fricassee chickens, while fancy fat ducks and geese can be retailed for a profit at 30 cents."

### EUROPEAN STUDENTS ARE HERE TO SPEAK

Bring Message of Revolt of  
Youth.

The revolt of European youth against the mistakes of their elders and their determination to work out better ways of solving their economic problems were explained by four students from representative European universities at a dinner conference given by the National Student Forum at the Hotel Brevoort last night. The students, who have just arrived, will be the guests of the forum until June, and will make a tour of the United States, lecturing in about fifty colleges and universities.

The students are Karl Friedrich, University of Heidelberg; Antonin Palecek of the University of Prague; Hans Thiesler of the International People's College, Baltimore, and Plat Roest of the University of Leiden. Two more are expected in a few days. They are Jorgen Holck of the University of Copenhagen and William A. Robson of the London School of Economics.

Karl Friedrich, in summing up the ways in which the new German youth movement has been making practical changes, said that bringing students of various countries together so that they can understand one another's problems better was the best possible means of injecting good feeling among nations.

The movement has begun its reforms in starting new schools in Hamburg and Turin, he said, where instead of teaching mass thinking children are being taught to develop the best in them as individuals.

Among the guests were Mrs. Willard Straigt, Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croly, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Pratt, Mr. Spencer Miller, Mr. Clifford Pinchot, Charles Denby, Jr., the chairman of the forum, George D. Pratt, Jr., the treasurer and foreign secretary and John Rothschild the executive secretary. The two latter will conduct the tour.

### LORENZ'S SON GIVES UP, BAFFLED BY LANGUAGE

Quits Studies at Columbia and  
Sails Home.

Conrad Lorenz, youngest son of Dr. Lorenz, called yesterday by the United American Liner Mount Clinton, regretting that he was unable to continue the medical and surgical course that he entered at Columbia University three months ago.

He said the trouble is that he does not understand English well enough. He is to go to Vienna to attend the University of Vienna for the next year. He will study English diligently and expects to take a post graduate course at Columbia, which he believes is superior to the Vienna University.

### BOY OF 15 IS CAUGHT BY 'SLUG DETECTOR'

Turned Over to the Police by  
Watchful Guard.

When Philip Levine, aged 15, of 55 East 104th street, put a flattened penny into the slot of a subway gate at Grand Central yesterday the turnstile worked and he passed through to the train platform, but the bad coin detector "squealed" on him. A special officer is stationed there just to listen to what the detector has to say, got the boy and turned him over to the police.

A charge of juvenile delinquency was made against him at the East Fifty-first street station.

### SOUTHMAYD EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Surrogate Foley Instructs Jury to  
Decide Question of Competence.

The content over the will of Miss Emily F. Southmayd, which has been tried before Surrogate Foley since November 11, will go to the jury to-day.

Before the summation of Edmund L. Mooney for the defendant and Col. Henry L. Stimson for the proponents of the will yesterday Surrogate Foley eliminated the allegation that undue influence had been exercised on Miss Southmayd in the preparation of her will and instructed the jury that it is to pass on her mental competence to execute the document.

## PLANS TO EXCLUDE FOOD SPECULATORS

Merchants Association Wants  
to Protect Gansevoort and  
Wallabout Markets.

## WOULD HELP FARMERS

Legitimate Dealers in Produce  
Now at Disadvantage,  
Says Report.

The Merchants Association, through a special committee headed by John H. Love of Graupner, Love & Lamprecht, has been investigating the proposal to amend the city ordinances so as to permit jobbers, speculators or other middlemen to occupy space in public markets hitherto set aside exclusively for the use of farmers. The association, by its board of directors, yesterday recommended that Wallabout and Gansevoort markets be kept exclusively for farmers and market gardeners. In its report the committee says:

"In recent years large numbers of so-called speculators, owning or hiring wagons, or occupying space, have obtained entrance to these markets for the purpose of reselling farm products bought by them from various sources. Their numbers have so increased as seriously to interfere with the operations of genuine producers, to the detriment both of the latter and of the public. These speculators being upon the ground at the opening of the markets, before the arrival of farmers' wagons from distant points, preempt the most desirable spaces, thereby excluding farmers from them and forcing them to occupy distant and disadvantageous locations."

The committee points out that the speculators get advance information as to the day's receipts of farm produce by rail and steamship and, in case of a shortage, quickly purchase what the farmers have of the produce in which the shortage exists and then resell it at an advanced price.

"The members of the committee inspected the markets, interviewed farmers, gardeners and speculators, gave a hearing to representative farmers and conferred with the Commissioner of Markets. It concludes as follows:

"While such amendment as is necessary to make the city ordinance conform to the State law is desirable, we are strongly opposed to the introduction of other new matter which would legalize the occupancy of Gansevoort and Wallabout markets by others than bona fide farmers and market gardeners."

"We, therefore, recommend that the Merchants Association approve and support the pending amendment, but only on condition that it be qualified by the following proviso:

"However, that in Wallabout and Gansevoort markets such licenses shall be issued only to bona fide farmers and market gardeners, and that all other dealers, speculators or middlemen shall be excluded therefrom."

"Other recommendations were made for improvements in the two markets, including one:

"That the so-called 'carriers' operating in the markets should be licensed and their charges and service regulated by the Commissioner of Markets, or that they be city employees selected from civil service lists."

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